

ANN LANDERS



Wait--Then Scream!

Dear Ann Landers: You spoiled my day when you told that groovy girl she had a right to scream at a Monkee concert.

I'm a professional musician who has spent time on both sides of the footlights. Furthermore, I know the Monkees personally and traveled with them for two months when they first went on tour.

Screaming has its place at these concerts, but only after the song is finished. When the kids yell and bring the roof down during a number, the performers get nervous. They can't hear themselves or the other members of the group and they lose the beat. The screamers also make it impossible for the non-screamers to hear.

The girl who wrote seemed to think that just because she spent \$6 on a ticket, she had a right to give everyone in the place a headache. Please tell her she is wrong. Also tell her that if she thinks the performers are honored by the shrieking she's wrong about that, too. It drives them crazy.—INDIANA

Dear Indiana: I received dozens of letters from entertainers and I thank you all for giving me a fresh point of view—in fact, your letters have persuaded me that I should reverse myself.

So—here's my advice: Scream your head off if you want to—but not until the number is finished.

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Dear Ann Landers: A friend of mine has a young son who is about to be married. When I say young I mean he is 18 and acts like 12. The "bride" is several years older than he is and has a good job. He is unemployed. It's too bad she didn't adopt a little boy to satisfy her maternal instincts instead of grabbing on to this poor, dumb kid.

The boy's mother has to sign for him since he is underage in this state. When I asked her why she agreed to such a thing she answered, "If I don't sign for him he will go to another state and get married anyway."

Do you think the mother is right or wrong?—INTERESTED LEONA

Dear Leona: The mother lost this ball game a long time ago. The boy's desire to get married at 18 is simply the final inning.

In my opinion the mother should not have agreed to sign for him. By so doing she removed the final obstacle. She should have said, "I refuse to consent to this foolish thing." If he runs off to another state anyway she will have done what she could to prevent what looks like a sure calamity.

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Dear Ann Landers: Your reply to the woman who complained about her husband's compulsion to turn off lights ("Save the juice, Marie") was interesting. You mentioned the cost of burning a 100-watt bulb was less than two cents for seven hours.

An electrical engineer told me that just switching on the light requires the same amount of energy required to burn it for approximately 100 minutes. So, please tell your readers that once the light has been switched on they might as well let it burn for an hour and a half if they really want to get their money's worth.—OL' SCOTTIE

Dear Scottie: Thanks for the tip. Your contribution to this column may well produce a brighter world for all of us.

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How will you know when the real thing comes along? Ask Ann Landers. Send for her booklet "Love Or Sex. And How To Tell The Difference." Send \$5 in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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COUNT MARCO

The Barefoot Girls Lack Chic

The Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce should do something about its chamber of horrors — barefoot teen-age girls. I have noted in my travels that the warmer the climate, the more noticeable the breakdown in femininity. Southern California appears to have the biggest breakdown of all, with Palm Springs at the top of the garbage heap. (All areas of Florida run close competition.)

Whatever did happen to feminine daintiness? The majority of the girls I saw in my recent visit to Palm Springs were completely oblivious to their dirty feet, soiled heels and cruddy toes.

They have no defense, either. At the airport, for

example, I noted three teenage couples, the girls without shoes but the boys all with shoes. So what's the excuse? None that I can see.

All you mothers know the importance of toilet training. You'd better carry that several steps further and give your baby girls shoe training too.

No girl has ever grown into womanhood with natural grace. She gets that way thanks to constant vigilance on the part of her mother. And the way she walks is the foremost indication of her gracefulness.

Shoes make the walk. Not to wear them (and sandals are not shoes) causes unsightly foot spread, slouching,

wide hips and protruding fannies more suitable for saddles than dresses.

Proper footwear can be comfortable as well as stylish. The longer your daughter goes without shoes, the less likely she is to be able to wear them later. Then, when it's too late, she'll have to settle for fittings at the local boot works.

This seems a petty thing to discuss, perhaps, but years from now wouldn't you rather hear her say happily, "I'm so glad my mother insisted," instead of "If only my mother had . . . ?"

For my Aunt the Contessa notes, "As a woman's feet spread, so does the rest of her."



COMMEND CITIZEN . . . Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly (left) presents a resolution of the California State Assembly commending the area's Citizen-of-the-Year to D. Lorning Marietti, vice president of Great Lakes Properties, Inc. The firm sponsors the Citizen-of-the-Month program. The resolution honored Dr. Margaret Ann Sterkka on her selection as the 1967 Citizen-of-the-Year and was accepted by Marietti on behalf of Dr. Sterkka.

IN ASSEMBLY

Bickering Stalls Tax, Reapportionment Bills

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Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — If California voters sometimes wonder if they're getting their money's worth from their full-time legislature, at about \$25,000 to \$30,000 per member per year, the uproarious sessions of the state assembly just before Thanksgiving should cause even more doubt.

The lawmakers were scheduled to wind up action on a bill to draw new boundary lines for the state's 38 congressional districts. In addition, Governor Ronald Reagan had asked them to correct an error in the 1967 tax bill which could cost the state from \$25 to \$50 million a year.

The state senate, despite the fact it has no majority party because of its 20-20 division between Republicans and Democrats, efficiently passed both measures Tuesday and was ready for adjournment of the special session before Thanksgiving. With the equal division of parties in the upper house, it might have been expected there would be some partisan bickering over the redistricting and tax bills.

HOWEVER, the assembly had enough bickering for both houses. Of course, adjournment of the session was ruled out anyway when Governor Reagan extended the special session to include Medi-Cal. The state Supreme Court threw the administration into a scramble by ruling the reductions it proposed to make in the health care program were illegal.

It seemed that Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh (D-Inglewood), the man who has been speaker longer than any one in history, was causing

most of the trouble. Because of an alleged patronage agreement with the governor's office that had not been carried out, Unruh rallied his Democratic troops to block passage of the income tax correction law.

Republicans reacted by refusing to vote for the reapportionment bill until the Democrats voted for the income tax bill.

THE LOWER house was tied up for three hours Tuesday evening and for nearly three more hours Wednesday morning by parliamentary maneuvering. Only the fact that most members had to catch airplanes to fly home for the Thanksgiving holiday brought about adjournment.

As the holiday recess began, the reapportionment bill was on the inactive file, a maneuver used to keep the bill alive. But the tax correction bill was bogged down with some new amendments that will be unacceptable to the Republicans.

The political gamesmanship in the assembly reached perhaps a greater level of confusion than it has in many years. When the Republicans blocked passage of the reapportionment bill Tuesday, Unruh served notice he would seek reconsideration of that unfavorable vote Wednesday.

THE REPUBLICANS retired Wednesday morning for a long huddle and agreed to let Assemblyman Jack R. Fenton (D-Montebello), handling the reapportionment bill, put the debate over until Monday. But Fenton didn't get the signals. He asked for and received a vote to permit reconsideration of the bill, even though he knew there weren't enough votes.

Assemblyman John G. Veneman (R-Modesto), author of the bill to correct the tax bill, tried to postpone consideration of this measure until Monday but the Democrats wouldn't let him. At one point, the legislators couldn't even agree on a motion to adjourn.

Unruh finally rammed through amendments, on a partisan ratchet, providing the money recaptured by the Veneman bill would have to be pledged for use in financing the Medi-Cal program at its present levels.

Supervisors May Abandon Lifeguard Headquarters

County lifeguard headquarters, now in Redondo Beach, will be moved if a plan sponsored by Supervisor Burton W. Chace is approved.

South High Newspaper Rated Tops

South High's student newspaper, the Sword and Shield, has been awarded an All-American Honor Rating in the 76th annual National Scholastic Press Association Newspaper Critical Service, according to journalism instructor Tom Rische.

This rating is the highest given to high school newspapers. More than 1,000 publications from all parts of the country were entered in the service. Judges gave the Spartan newspaper "excellent" in most categories, with special recognition for the Sword and Shield's editorial page.

EDITORS of last year were Ralph Thompson and Rusty Toler with page editors Debbie Ohlman, David Wheeler, David Feinberg, Susie Levanas, Debbie McCullough, Hunt Miller, and Dan Doty.

Additional honors came to the paper last year as seven of its staff members received area-wide awards for writing competition at El Camino College. One of this year's editors, Hunt Miller, won a first place in sports writing.

THROUGH various campus activities, the news staff also raises money for scholarships. Last year it awarded two \$100 scholarships to Ralph Thompson and Rita Frueter.

Previous scholarships were awarded to Mike Eggers, sports editor for Palos Verdes Newspapers, Inc.; Robin Roy, Warrior Life editor at El Camino College; and Sharon Mondschein, a journalism major at Long Beach State College.

for the present headquarters building," Chace said.

The city of Redondo Beach wants the site abandoned in order to enter into a lease with a development company. The firm has indicated it will build apartments between the lifeguard headquarters and the ocean.

On Chace's motion, supervisors approved a resolution announcing the board's willingness to abandon the present lifeguard headquarters site if it can be done at no cost to the county.

THE COUNTY has 12 years remaining on a lease for the site, just north of the Redondo Beach King Harbor. The city of Redondo Beach has asked the county to abandon the site in exchange for payment in full for the building.

"The move will be beneficial for both the county and the city of Redondo Beach if we receive full compensation Tuesday.

THE PROPERTY is adjacent to the Redondo Beach King Harbor.

Chace pointed out that the lifeguard headquarters could be moved or rebuilt at another beach city location with no cutback in services.

"Hermosa Beach has indicated it would lease an equivalent parcel to the county for \$1 a year for 55 years," Chace said. "This location would be just as suitable as the present site."

The issue comes back to supervisors for final approval Tuesday.

Miniature Businesses Eye Christmas Profits

Junior Achievement companies in the Southern and Long Beach districts of the Los Angeles area are offering a wide range of products this year. Everything from flower arrangements to styrofoam snowmen are being manufactured and sold by over 1,000 teenagers operating 60 Junior Achievement companies.

Junior Achievement's eight-month program of economic education started this year on Oct. 16. Since then, the miniature firms have applied for operating charters; selected a company name; elected officers and members of the board of directors; decided on a product; sold sufficient stock to meet their capital needs; leased the necessary tools and equipment; and purchased raw materials to start production.

Most JA companies will have products for sale within the next few days, so they will be able to take advantage of the Christmas market.

Some of the other products being manufactured by this year's JA companies include coaster sets, message boards, ornamental objects, Christmas candle sets, Christmas wreaths, desk pen sets, plastic trivets, slicing boards, and key holders.

Most companies will rely on door-to-door sales, but a few are hoping to negotiate big wholesale deals. Each JA company is counseled by a local enterprise adviser for guidance on business, sales and production.

Bike Ring Hit

A North Torrance bicycle theft ring has been cracked. Police have arrested two young teenage boys, who confessed to the recent series of thefts in that area.

SOUTH BAY

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH



Some people talk about brotherhood. Others, live it. Peter Gravett is one of these, with a commitment to the welfare of his fellowman strong enough to inspire him to risk his life.

Though a policeman by profession, Officer Gravett was off duty on the afternoon he saw a mob of angry people attacking a young boy. Instinctively, he fought his way through the crowd and shielded the victim with his own body, sustaining severe blows which injured him, but protected the boy from further harm. Subsequently, with the help of another brave stranger, he was able to carry the critically injured boy to safety. The L.A. Police Department awarded Peter Gravett the Medal of Valor for his act of courage. It is important to remember that it was also an act of love.



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